IM WAITING FOR SHIPS THAT NEVER COME IN

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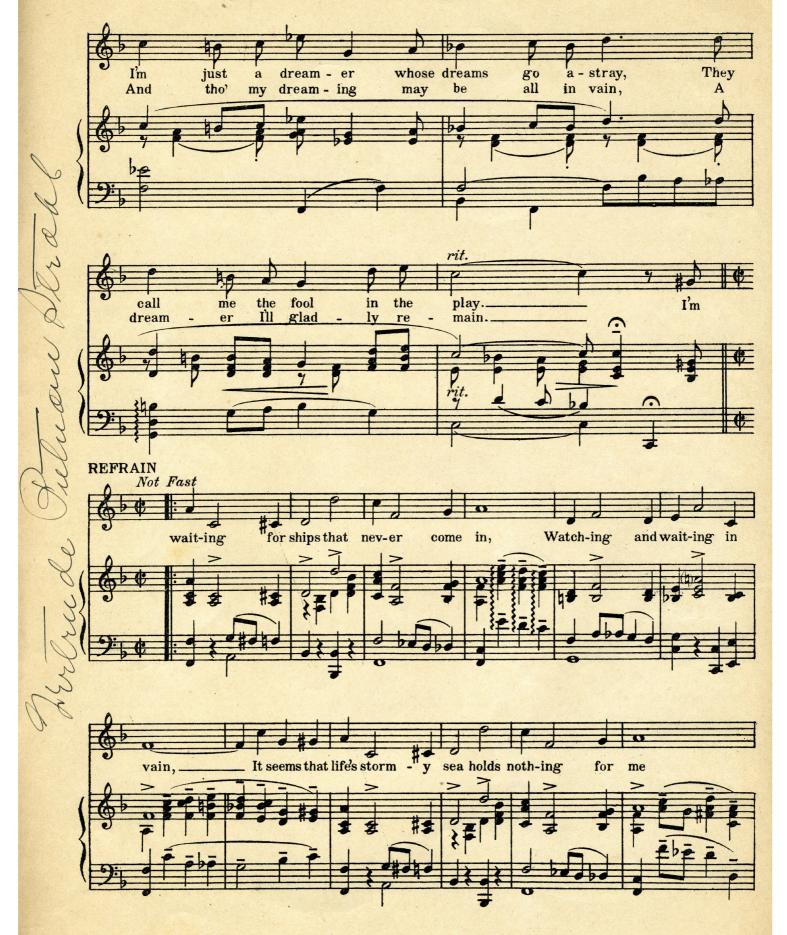
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(Recitation by Jack Yellen)

Life is only a game of poker And Happiness is the pot.

Fate deals you five cards in the cradle; You play-if you like it or not.

Some get a pat hand to start with

And the game doesn't seem on the square When you look at your hand and discover

You were born without even a pair. But there's no use in kicking or squawking; You pick up your cards and begin

To figure and plan and puzzle,

While Fate looks on with a grin. Some take a chance at bluffing

And stake everything they've got

On a dinky little four-flush-Sometimes it wins the pot. Others will break up openers

To draw for a middle straight.

They know what a chance they're taking, And they learn their mistake too late. Some can't help playing crooked Against all good advice,

But they seldom get away with it-In the end they pay the price.

The most of us play straight poker

But I tell you, boys, it's hard, When you're there with both ends open And you can't draw the winning card.

Now, I've always been a loser, It seems that I never can win;

And I'm just a Dreamer who's waiting

For ships that never come in.
Why, look! What's that in the distance, Sailing across the sea?

My ships! My ships are coming They're sailing home to me.

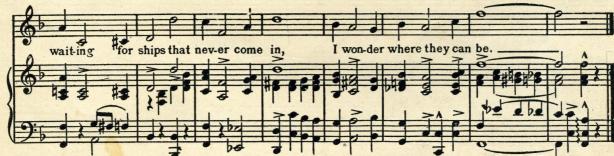
With wealth and love and Happiness! My sorrowing days have passed

It's the end of watching and waiting-My ships have come at last!

(Pantomime as if welcoming imaginary ships approaching from the distance, while four bars of "dream" music are played.)

Composers Note: The following music is to be used with Recitation, by direct cue.





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